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'For Learning That Lasts A Lifetime'

5th March 2021

Dear Parent/Carers,

I write to you all with regards to the full re-opening of school next week, Monday 8th March.

First of all I wish to extend my heartfelt thanks and appreciation to every one of you for all that you have managed over the last two months. I know that each family has lived their own unique experience and has dealt with the challenges placed upon them to the best of their ability.

We have been impressed with the learning activities which have been completed by the children, whether on their own, or with help from family members or from support staff at school. I thank all children, parent/carers and staff for their efforts during this time – there is a great deal to be thankful for and proud of.

That being said, we are now all ready to move onto the next phase and I am pleased to outline arrangements for the full return to school of all pupils on Monday 8th March. Much of the following information will be familiar to you, however, do please take a moment to read it, to refresh your memory and to share the relevant elements with your child(ren) as part of your preparation for Monday.

Classes

Children will continue to be organised into class 'bubbles'. This is to reduce the spread of infection and to assist with tracking and tracing should someone be diagnosed with coronavirus.

The children in each class bubble will work and play together and will remain socially distanced from children in other bubbles; for instance, Assembly will be in class, as will eating lunch.

Lunch and morning play will be staggered as will drop-off and collection arrangements.

Drop-off

Morning drop off will continue to be between 8.35 and 8.55am. Families must form a socially distanced queue and maintain social distancing when leaving the site. **Just one adult per family should come onto the site** as that will help to reduce the number of people.

For access to the inner school site you can use either of the two gates – the playground gate from the Sea Street direction or the gate by Class 3 from the Chapel Lane direction. Please note that the Droveway Gardens gate is out of action at the moment.



Adults dropping the children off will not be able to come beyond the gate. Staff will be at the gates and children are to make their way to class. Older siblings may walk younger ones to the part of the playground nearest to the classroom of the younger one.

If you have a message for the class staff or school office please email or telephone.

Collection at the end of the day

Access to the playground at the end of the day for parent/carers will continue to be via the main playground gate by the gazebo.

Use the blue markers to form a socially distanced queue on the footpath. Everyone is to join this queue – if you are entering from Chapel Lane please use the exit path on the drive to enable you to join the queue at the Sea Street end. Do not wait on the roadway by the green fence/pirate-ship as cars are moving at this time and also Blue Badge holders need to be able to park there. Please note this change of request compared to the autumn term.

Parent/Carers will be let onto the playground at the times shown below – **Mrs Hindle will call forward the relevant year group parents.** Do not come onto the playground until your class has been called forward. We will endeavour to keep as close as possible to these times; please bear with us.

Reception Class - 3pm
Classes 1 and 3 - 3.05pm
Classes 2 and 4 – 3.10pm
Classes 5 and 6 – 3.15pm

The main gate onto the playground will be completely open to facilitate a one-way in and out system.

Siblings will be sent to you at the same time so you can leave promptly– i.e. if you have a child in Year 1 AND Year 4 come at 3.05pm and you will receive both children.

Leave as quickly as you can so that the next group of parents can come on site.

If someone other than you is collecting your child please ensure that you have followed the usual procedure of informing us and that they are aware of our pick-up arrangements, remembering also to follow the lockdown rules regarding contact with people outside the household.

Leave the site as soon as you have collected your child(ren).

What my child can bring to school, including food and drink

Children can bring a small bag.

They will need a packed lunch (if they are not having a school meal) in a hard plastic box – for ease of cleaning. They must have a bottle of water as the fountains are out of use. They may bring additional drink to have at lunchtime.

School meals will be available and can be ordered on the day. These must be paid for online, in advance, direct to Whole School Meals <https://wholeschoolmeals.co.uk/how-to-pay/>



Children can also bring a fruit snack for morning break. Key Stage 1 children will receive a piece of fruit or veg daily.

The aim is that children should wear full school uniform, including school shoes. HOWEVER it is, of course, understood that children may have outgrown footwear and clothes in the last two months and that shopping opportunities are limited at the moment. Therefore, we will be flexible in our expectations at this point so please do not worry if other items have to be worn until shops are fully re-opened and you have had time and opportunity to purchase.

A coat is needed as the weather can be changeable.

Please do not send in letters or monies.

Children should wear PE kit on their PE days. They do not need to bring uniform to change into. PE lessons will be outside so please ensure your child has enough on to keep them warm! Below are the days when your child has PE so that you know which days they will need their kit on.

Year R - Tuesday and Thursday

Year 1 - Monday and Tuesday

Year 2 - Monday and Thursday

Year 3 - Wednesday and Friday

Year 4 - Monday and Wednesday

Year 5 - Tuesday and Thursday

Year 6 - Tuesday and Thursday

Childcare Services

Before School and After School Childcare Services will continue but only for families 'where it is reasonably necessary to support parents to work, search for work, or undertake training or education'. Booking is via the school office.

Extra-curricular clubs will not run at this time.

Face Coverings

All school staff wear face coverings in communal areas within the building and at drop-off and collection times. Some staff also wear face coverings when in the classroom. Children are not expected to wear face coverings, indeed Government guidance actively discourages this with primary aged pupils.

I ask that parent/carers wear face coverings when dropping off and collecting children; this is not obligatory however I know the school staff would appreciate adult family members undertaking this measure.

Workbooks

Staff will be pleased to receive any work which has been completed at home – in workbooks or on paper. If you still have these please send them into school with your child next week, if you don't please do not worry – it does not matter.



Workbooks from last academic year will be sent home with children on their return to school next week.

Coronavirus Symptoms

If a pupil develops coronavirus [coronavirus \(COVID-19\) symptoms](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-symptoms) of new persistent cough and/or fever and/or change of taste or smell and/or has tested positive in the last 10 days for covid they must NOT COME TO SCHOOL, they must self-isolate and parent/carers must follow Government stay at home guidance: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

Parent/carers must follow Government guidelines to arrange a test for the child <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested> and inform school of the outcome of the test.

If anyone in a pupil's household develops coronavirus [coronavirus \(COVID-19\) symptoms](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-symptoms) of new persistent cough and/or fever and/or change of taste or smell and/or has tested positive in the last 10 days for covid the pupil and their family must NOT COME TO SCHOOL, the family must self-isolate and follow Government stay at home guidance: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection> and arrange for that person to have a test and inform the school of the outcome.

If a child is unwell during the school day we will contact you for them to be collected; please ensure we have up to date contact details. If they have coronavirus symptoms you will need to follow the guidance outlined above.

The staff will be following these same protocols.

Curriculum

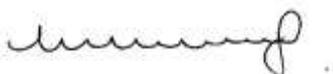
We are all looking forward to having everyone back at school. We have worked to develop a curriculum for the rest of this term which builds on supporting everyone's well-being and re-establishing each class as a safe and supportive cohesive group. As always, teachers will also be working to gauge where the children are with their learning and using this information to plan accordingly.

And finally...

The full re-opening of the school is to be welcomed by us all. Please bear in mind that lockdown restrictions continue and the rules regarding lockdown must be followed by everyone in order to keep our school community safe, I thank you in advance for your support with this.

I wish you all a good weekend.

Yours sincerely



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